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Dear all,

There has been confusion about the influenza vaccination policy at JHH/JHU and we wanted to clarify our recommendations to employees. The institution has taken very balanced approach weighing the needs of our two at risk populations-patients and healthcare workers. We have factored in the shortage and the fact that we have more vaccine than most institutions in the city and many vulnerable patient populations have not been vaccinated. We have also critically reviewed the data supporting the following recommendations. We reviewed the national guidelines and spoke with many flu experts. We also reviewed our approach with many influenza and vaccine experts including several who were involved sat on the FDA panel to license some of the influenza vaccine.

To achieve our goals, Hopkins which has been fortunate to receive the live attenuated influenza vaccine called FluMist will be given preferentially to all persons with DIRECT patient contact. This vaccine is a safe and is more efficacious than the killed formulation and has minimal side effects. Please let your health care workers to expect that they will receive this vaccine unless they are in the small group of persons who should be given injectable. It is our goal to provide the injectable to as many patients as possible. We are one of the few institutions in the area with vaccine and expect many requests from the patient population we serve.

In addition we have heard that some supervisors have furloughed staff that receive the FluMist vaccine. Based on several publications regarding FluMist, it is not necessary to furlough staff or require them to wear a mask with the exception of those nurses/or healthcare workers that come into direct patient contact with solid organ transplant patients on high doses of immunosuppressants. Those persons should wear a mask when coming into CLOSE CONTACT (3-6 feet) of these patients for 5 days after vaccination.

Please let personnel know that it is the screening staff in the Phipps building who will decide who receives which vaccine. The general guidelines are listed below. Again thank you for your support in this difficult time.

### Injectable:

- CMSC 8 E/W
- NICU
- Weinberg 2B Outpatient clinic (direct care givers ONLY)
- Weinberg 5 A-D
- IPOP/HIPOP
- Adult and Pediatric Emergency Dept. Triage staff ONLY
- Pregnancy
- Nursing mothers whose child has not been vaccinated

*Affiliates of the Johns Hopkins Health System*

- Healthcare workers that have the following conditions:
  - ~ solid organ or bone marrow transplant
  - ~ asthma, CHF requiring daily medication use (i.e. inhalers)
  - ~ older than age 50
  - ~ hospitalized in the past year for a chronic condition

FluMist (live attenuated intranasal vaccine):

- All other inpatient unit nursing personnel and support associates with patient care
  - ~ Nelson 4, 6, 7
  - ~ Marburg 2,3
  - ~ Osler 4,5,7,8
  - ~ Meyer 2-9
  - ~ Jefferson 2,3
  - ~ Halstead 3, 4, 5,6,7,8
  - ~ Weinberg 2,3,4
  - ~ CMSC 4,5,6,7,8,9
- Adult and Pediatric Emergency Dept. staff
- SICU
- MICU
- WICU
- NCCU
- CCU
- PICU
- PCRU
- Unit clerks (with direct patient care only)
- Nutrition staff (with direct patient care only)
- Employees < age 50
- Respiratory Therapy (includes PFT technicians)
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Pastoral Care
- CVDL
- Radiology
- Radiation Oncology
- IV Therapy
- Wilmer Eye Center
- Moore Clinic
- General Pediatric Units
- General Medicine Units
- General OB/GYN clinics
- OR personnel
- Express Testing
- All Medical Students
- All Social Workers
- All Clinical Pharmacists
- Anesthesia attendings, residents and techs
- Surgical attendings and housestaff including transplant personnel (includes all subspecialties\*ENT, Neurosurgery, cardiac surgery)
- Medicine, Pediatric, Psychiatry, Rehabilitation Medicine personnel
- All outpatient clinic personnel with direct patient care

Occupational Health Services is administering influenza vaccine to employees who meet criteria specified above at the following times/location:

**Phipps 351**

Tuesday 11/02 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11/03 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Thursday 11/04 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday 11/05 7:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

Monday 11/08 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 11/09 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday 11/10 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday 11/11 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 pm.

Friday 11/12 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Please contact Hospital Epidemiology and Infection Control with any questions.  
(410) 955-8384. Thank you.